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U-2R

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

25X1 ORIG: [redacted]
UNIT: IDEA/OSA
25X1 EXT: [redacted]
DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 1969

SECRET

ROUTING

1	IDEA	9	
2	IDEA	10	
3	D/O	11	
4	D/SA	12	
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7	SAS	15	
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DISPOSITION	DEFERRED	X	PRIORITY	INITIAL
	ROUTINE		OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIAL

TO :
FROM:
CONF:
INFO:

7 FEB 69 15 27Z

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TO SECRET INFO CITE [redacted] 0422 25X1

25X1 PRIORITY [redacted]
IDEALIST

1. AS A RESULT OF THE 385 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, ACTION HAS BEEN INITIATED TO MINIMIZE, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE HEAVY GROSS WEIGHT TIME SPENT AT MAX ALTITUDE FOR U-2C MISSION PROFILE. THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT REASON EXISTS TO CONSIDER THE SAME FOR U-2R AIRCRAFT. INITIAL CONCLUSION IS THAT FLYING THE U-2R AT MAX ALTITUDE IS LITTLE OR NO MORE CRITICAL THAN FLYING ON A MAX RANGE PROFILE.

2. REQUEST YOU CONDUCT SURVEY TO DETERMINE IF THE ABOVE RATIONALE IS VALID AND FORWARD RESULTS NLT 26 FEB 69.

END OF MESSAGE

25X1

SAS

25X1 [redacted]
WILLIAM E. SHELTON
D/OPS
RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

SECRET

Group 1 Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification

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